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## Quick Facts

- Dorothy "Dot" Allen established the Dorothy B. Allen Endowed Fund to support Winthrop's pre-physical therapy program.
- Allen worked as a physical therapist and traveled the world in the U.S. Army Reserves Medical Corps.



Dot Allen

ROCK HILL, SOUTH CAROLINA – The late **Dorothy "Dot" Allen** '48 spent much of her life quietly giving – to her family, to her physical therapy patients and to Winthrop University, her alma mater. Through the **Dorothy B. Allen Endowed Fund**, her legacy of service will continue, offering support for future physical therapists.

Created through a bequest and gifts from Allen's nieces and nephews to endow the \$25,000 fund, the **endowment** provides support to Winthrop's **pre-physical therapy program**, including fellowship programming; guest lecture programs; pre-professional development for students; research; conferences; scholarships; and internships.

Born in Wadesboro, North Carolina, **Allen** grew up in Columbia. She served in the **U.S. Army Reserves Medical Corps**, traveling the world and achieving the rank of major. She earned her B.S. in biology at Winthrop and her M.S. in physical therapy at the D.T. Watson School of Physical Therapy (now the **D.T. Watson School of Physiatrics** at the University of Pittsburgh). Allen went on to work as a **physical therapist** at Columbia's Richland Memorial Hospital for 32 years. She also directed swimming activities at Camp Burnt Gin, a residential summer camp for children with physical disabilities and chronic illnesses, and remained active with Shandon Baptist Church in Columbia.

Allen's niece, Dorothy Edgerton, remembered "Aunt Dot" as a natural caregiver who loved helping others. Those memories, Edgerton said, made contributing to the **Dorothy B. Allen Fund** "a natural choice" for Edgerton, her brothers and cousins.

"Aunt Dot loved Winthrop, and she would be very pleased that her fund is helping students have more access to opportunities in physical therapy," said Edgerton, adding that the endowment reflects her aunt's "life of service."

"This fund allows her legacy to continue, which is the most we can do to honor her life," said Edgerton.

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## About the fund

The Dorothy B. Allen Endowed Fund illustrates key tenets of the *Winthrop Stands* Initiative: the notion that Winthrop University stands, first and foremost, for providing access, quality and an exemplary education to its students. Gifts of all sizes and types have a place in *Winthrop Stands*. For more information, contact the Office of Development at 803/323-2150 or [giving@winthrop.edu](mailto:giving@winthrop.edu), or [make an](#)

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